IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of

Mitsuru Obara et al.

Application No.: 09/427,114

Filing Date: October 26, 1999

Group Art Unit: 2183

Examiner: TONIA L MEONSKE

Confirmation No.: 2737

Title: DATA PROCESSING SYSTEM HAVING PLURALITY OF PROCESSORS AND EXECUTING A SERIES OF PROCESSES IN A PRESCRIBED ORDER

AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Sir:

Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.

☐ A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.

☐ Terminal Disclaimer(s) and the ☐ $55.00 (2814) ☐ $110.00 (1814) fee per Disclaimer due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d) are also enclosed.

☐ Also enclosed is/are _____

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☐ Small entity status is hereby claimed.

☐ Applicant(s) requests continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the ☐ $385.00 (2801) ☐ $770.00 (1801) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).

☐ Applicant(s) requests that any previously unentered after final amendments <u>not</u> be entered. Continued examination is requested based on the enclosed documents identified above.

☐ Applicant(s) previously submitted _____

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on _____,
for which continued examination is requested.

☐ Applicant(s) requests suspension of action by the Office until at least _____, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.

☐ A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (1809/2809) is also enclosed.

☒ No additional claim fee is required.

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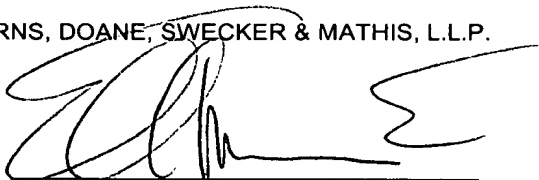| AMENDED CLAIMS					
	No. of Claims	Highest No. of Claims Previously Paid For	Extra Claims	Rate	Additional Fee
Total Claims	26	MINUS 26 =	0	x $18.00 (1202) =	$ 0.00
Independent Claims	4	MINUS 4 =	0	x $86.00 (1201) =	$ 0.00
If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add $290.00 (1203)					$ 0.00
Total Claim Amendment Fee					$ 0.00
☐ Small Entity Status claimed - subtract 50% of Total Claim Amendment Fee					$ 0.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL CLAIM FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					$ 0.00

☐ A check in the amount of _____ is enclosed for the fee due.

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The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

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This Amendment responds to the Office Action dated March 8, 2004 (Paper

No. 23). Please amend the above-noted application as follows: